

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Williams *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/662,621  
Filed: September 15, 2003

Confirmation No.: 9764  
Group Art Unit: 1615  
Examiner: Levy, Neil S.

For: **CARBON DIOXIDE-ASSISTED METHODS OF PROVIDING  
BIOCOMPATIBLE INTRALUMINAL PROSTHESES**

Date: January 24, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Communication (the "Communication") mailed September 25, 2006. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

If any extension of time for the accompanying Amendment and Response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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